

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SHERMAN DIVISION**

IN RE:	§	
	§	CASE NO. 25-40712
DZS INC.,¹	§	
	§	(Chapter 7)
DEBTOR.	§	

**TRUSTEE’S MOTION TO LIMIT NOTICE, LIMIT NOTICE PERIOD, AND SCHEDULE
EXPEDITED HEARING WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS INITIAL MOTIONS**

COMES NOW, Michelle H. Chow, Michelle H. Chow, Chapter 7 Trustee of the above-referenced cases, by and through her proposed counsel Singer & Levick, P.C, and files this *Trustee’s Motion to Limit Notice, Limit Notice Period, and Schedule Expedited Hearing With Respect to Various Initial Motions* (“**Motion**”) and, in support of same, would respectfully show the Court as follows:

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On March 14, 2025 (“**Petition Date**”), DZS Inc. (“**Debtor DZS**”), DZS Services Inc. (“**Debtor DZS Services**”) and DZS California Inc. (“**Debtor DZS California**”) (together “**Debtor**”) each filed a Voluntary Petition under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the UNITED STATES CODE (“**Bankruptcy Code**”) commencing the above-captioned cases (“**Bankruptcy Cases**”).

2. Michelle H. Chow is the duly appointed Chapter 7 Trustee (“**Trustee**”) for each of the Estates of DZS Inc., DZS Services Inc. and DZS California Inc.

3. Prior to the Petition Date, Debtor was a large publicly traded telecom business which developed hardware and software systems enabling broadband usage. This is not a typical Chapter 7

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 7 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s Federal Tax Identification Number, include: DZS Inc. (9099), DZS Services Inc. (3763) and DZS California Inc. (3221). The location of the Debtors’ service address is: 5700 Tennyson Parkway, Suite 400, Plano, TX 75024.

case and the assets are much more complex than a typical Chapter 7 case. There are in excess of 3500 names on the creditors matrix for each case.

4. Contemporaneously with the filing of this Motion, the Trustee has filed an *Expedited Motion to Reject Lease (203 Redwood Shores Parkway, Suite 100, Redwood City, CA)* (“**Rejection Motion**”), an *Expedited Motion for Joint Administration* (“**Joint Administration Motion**”), as well as an *Expedited Motion for Authority to Enter Into a Consulting Agreement with Normandy Lane, LLC*. (“**Consulting Motion**”).

5. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(2) provides as a general rule for all creditors to receive notice of certain matters like “proposed use or sale of property.” The Local Bankruptcy Rules provide that motions for Joint administration be sent to all creditors for a twenty-one (21) day notice period “unless the court for cause shown shortens the time” Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(c), the Court “for cause shown may in its discretion with or without motion or notice order the [notice] period reduced.” Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(c)(1). Section 105(a) of the BANKRUPTCY CODE provides that the Court “may issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the [Bankruptcy Code’s] provisions.” 11 U.S.C. § 105(a). *In re Hester*, 899 F.2d 361, 364 n.3 (5th Cir. 1990) (“[M]otions for material reductions in the notice period are routinely granted by bankruptcy courts.”). Section 102(1) of the BANKRUPTCY CODE explains that the phrase “after notice and a hearing” requires only such notice and opportunity for a hearing as may be appropriate under the circumstances. 11 U.S.C. § 102(1). Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (i) authorizes the Court to limit notice required by 2002(a). In addition, Bankruptcy Rule 2002(m) specifically empowers a court to “enter orders designating the matter in which notices shall be sent except otherwise provided by these rules.”

6. Given that the above noted Motions are largely administrative in nature and the large number of people and entities on the creditor matrix, the Trustee requests that notice of these three initial

Motions be limited to the secured creditors, the Top 20 unsecured creditors and any party who has filed a notice under Rule 2002.

7. In addition, the Trustee respectfully submits that sufficient cause exists to shorten the notice and objection period and would request that the Court enter an Order shortening the notice period and scheduling an expedited hearing to consider the Rejection Motion, Joint Administration Motion and Consulting Motion on **April 10, 2025 at 1:30 PM (CT)**, and setting an applicable objection deadline.

8. This Motion is being served on the Office of the United States Trustee, counsel for the Debtor and all parties who have requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Trustee submits that such service is adequate and sufficient for purposes of the relief requested in the Rejection Motion, Joint Administration Motion and Consulting Motion, and would afford interested parties sufficient notice and opportunity to be heard. In light of the nature of the relief requested, the Trustee submits that no further notice need be given.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Michelle H. Chow, Chapter 7 Trustee, prays that the Court enter an Order shortening the notice period and scheduling an expedited hearing on the Rejection Motion, Joint Administration Motion and Consulting Motion on April 10, 2025 at 1:30 PM (CT), and for such other and further relief as she may show herself justly entitled.

DATED: April 4, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been electronically mailed to the parties that are registered or otherwise entitled to receive electronic notices in this case pursuant to the Electronic Filing Procedures in this District, which includes the parties as shown below; on this 4th day of April, 2025.

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